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## 800 Howard Men Answer Selective Draft Call

### Civil Aeronautics Course To Reopen Next Year

The Howard unit of the Civil Aeronautics Pilot Training Program will not function this semester due to opposition to the use of Beacon Airport near Alexandria, Virginia, by the Naval authorities because of its proximity to some of the naval aerial operations. However, it is expected that the program will commence next semester.

Last year the ten students who were selected from Howard for the training did very well. Elmer Jones and Yancey Williams were the highest ranking students and in the exams nine out of the ten students passed. Three Howardites were selected to take advanced training at Tuskegee during the past summer. Professor Richmond of the faculty also took the eight-hour dual training which was made available for instructors or staff members. The students taking this course last year include Elmer Jones, Andrew D. Turner, Vernon Bailey, Robert Briggs, Joseph Dixon, George Miner, John Perry, William Taylor, Sporn Watson, and Yancey Williams.

#### Requirements for Course

The physical requirement for this course are especially rigid. This is very true in regard to the eye examination. The course is open only to United States citizens who are over 19 and under 26 and who must hold or have held a pilot certificate of private grade or higher. The physical examination fee of \$6, the registration fee, and insurance premium must be paid for the applicant.

### Dorm Council Posts Tutors

(Founded as Clarke Hall Council)  
Volunteer Tutoring Staff 1940-1941

Ernest Brown, zoology; Arthur Carter, French; Harold Delaney, chemistry; Richard Francis, mathematics; Thomas Gunn, art; Marshall Hill, French; Andy Howard, botany; Ullmont James, mathematics;

William Patrick, psychology; William Parks, German; Douglass Raiford, political science; George Smith, chemistry; Paul Stephens, chemistry; George Thomas, English; Jerome Williams, physics; William Willis, history; James T. Wright, philosophy and sociology; Ernest Wilson, English 1, 143, 11; and John Watson, Spanish.

### Two H. U. Professors End Carnegie Study



DR. RALPH BUNCHE

Doctors Ralph Bunche and Doxey Wilkerson were the Howard representatives and the only Negro members on the central research staff of the Carnegie Study of the Negro in America which was finished in September. Doctor Bunche handled four of the topics which related to the political and legal phases in which he specializes; Dr. Doxey Wilkerson, on leave of absence all of last year, was concerned with the educational aspect. Dr. Bunche, on being interviewed, stated that the study was not merely an accumulation of facts but an interpretive analysis.

### Dr. Stephenson Smith Speaks at Howard



DR. S. STEPHENSON SMITH

Dr. S. Stephenson Smith was at Howard University on October 2 and 3 to lecture on the regional contests given by the A.S.C.A.P. (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers).

Dr. Smith is touring the nation representing the A.S.C.A.P. to make its program known. Dr. Smith is a widely known and much sought after as lecturer and after-dinner speaker. A graduate of Reed College and a Rhodes scholar, he is now educational counselor for the A.S.C.A.P., being on leave from his professorship of English literature at the University of Oregon.

### College Students to Enter Training Camps Next June

In accordance with the conscription bill passed by Congress recently, all male college students who are twenty-one years old or over, thirty-six being the oldest accepted, will be required to register for selective draft. The men of Howard University, meeting the age requirements, were compelled to register in Wednesday, October 16th. No recess was called to facilitate registration, however.

#### Male Howardites Registered

An inquiry at the office of William B. West, Dean of Men,

revealed the fact that 659 students, 100 faculty members, and 50 employees have enlisted. However, according to the act these men may not be called right away for their training may be deferred until, but not later than, the end of the academic year, June 1941.

If any of the above are ministers or theological students who have been pursuing studies in that field for more than a year before the bill was passed, they will not be required to undergo training at any time. The deferment from service on the basis of dependents may be granted by the President of the United States, after such a claim is shown to be advisable. Conscientious objectors, if selected, shall be placed in non-combatant service in work of national importance under civilian supervision.

### Freshmen Elect Class Officers

On Tuesday, October 15, in Andrew Rankin Chapel the class of 1944 held its class elections after a few days of postponement. The officers are: president, Allan Pyke; vice president, Ashton Robinson; recording secretary, Ruth Simmons; financial secretary, Mordecai Johnson, Jr.; and treasurer, Kathleen Mann.

On October 10, Dean and Mrs. Howard Thurman feted the members of the freshman class, whose surnames begin with A and B. The guests were served with a very delicious beverage, dubbed "Freshman Coffee" by the hostess.

### Health Service Conducts Examination for Frosh

Under the direction of Dr. Joseph L. Johnson, the health service, a part of the administrative departments of the medical school, is now busily engaged in the task of giving students physical examinations. All freshmen and new students are required to be examined within the next few weeks, failure to do so resulting in dismissal from the university.

#### Staff Increase

The health staff has been increased this year and should be able to offer more service to students in spite of the lack of a full-time physician. The staff includes Dr. Virginia M. Alexander and Dr. H. B. Brown, assistant university physicians; Dr. Riley Thomas, Dr. Howard M. Payne, Dr. C. W. Freeman, and Dr. Philip P. Johnson, consultants. Assisting in the examinations are the two nurses, Mrs. J. Cheek, the former Mrs. Eva J. Gomez, and Miss Fitzgerald. The health office staff consists of Miss Gorham who makes appointments for the examination and Miss Geraldine Harris of Tuskegee, secretary to Dr. Alexander. Senior medical students have also promised to serve in the absence of staff physicians.

#### Office Hours

The health service is greatly regretting the absence of Dr. Paul D. Cornelly, the former acting director of the health service, and the loss of Dean Adams who had planned to give the service his personal attention this year.

The office is open from 9:00 a. m. to 12. and 1:00 p. m. to 4:00 daily.

Dr. Freeman will welcome consultations on Tuesdays from 11:00 a. m. to 12:00. Dr. Payne will be in the office every Wednesday from 2 to 3 p. m. for conferences.

The Annual Honors Day will be held in the College of Liberal Arts, School of Engineering and Architecture and the School of Music on November 5th in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel.

### Eleven Professors Receive Leave for Advanced Study

### Golden Treasury Reviews Books

The library is featuring books pertaining to the social sciences, poetry, drama, biography, sciences, current history and the fine arts. The librarian desires that the students read the various books pertaining to their various fields. The titles of some of the best books may be obtained in the lobby of the library.

Some of the titles are: In A Minor Key, by Ira De. Reed; Social Psychology, Charles Byrd; Controlling Depression, Paul H. Douglas; Modern Man in the Making, Otto Neurath; Black Manhattan, James Weldon Johnson;

Before and After Socrates, F. M. Crawford; Problems in the Improvement of Reading, Strong; Marriage and Morale, Bertrand Russell; Human Enterprise, Max Otto; The Patient's Dilemma, High M. Terry;

A Richard Wagner Dictionary, Edward M. Terry; Educational Statistics, Lyndquist; Scientific Interest in the Old South, Thomas C. Johnson; Why Europe Fights, Walter Mills; New Manual of Logarithms, Bruhaus; Flowering Earth — Donald Culrose Peattie, and Science Today and Tomorrow, Waldemar Kaempffarth.

There is also in the library a humorous satire on college life by Leacock. It has been specified as a book that all college students should read.

### LATE BULLETIN

The Hilltop staff expressed its most sincere sympathy to John Harvard, one of its members, upon the death of his father, October 16.

### Student Council Initiates Loan Fund for Students

Realizing the ever increasing need for a loan fund available to the students in the undergraduate division of the University to meet certain emergencies such as room rent, boarding bill, school supplies and other similar items, the Student Council for the academic year 1940 does hereby establish a loan fund whose purpose and operation are described below:

1. The fund shall be known as the Student Council Loan Fund of Howard University.

2. The fund shall be created and enlarged out of a semi-annual appropriation of \$100 from the Extra Curricula Fee of the students in the undergraduate divisions of the University and donations from students, faculty, alumni and friends of the University.

3. The fund shall be available for loans as soon as the principal shall reach the sum of \$1,000.

4. The loan fund shall be available to the three upper classes of the students in the undergraduate division of the College of Liberal Arts and the School of Music.

5. Individual loans shall not exceed the sum of \$50 and will be made only upon the filing and approval of the application provided for the purpose.

6. Interest shall be charged and on the unpaid balance of the loan at a rate to be agreed upon annually, but in no case shall the rate be less than 4 per cent nor more than 6 per cent per annum.

7. The loan fund shall be administered by a joint committee composed of six members; three members from the Student Council and three members from the Faculty Committee on Student Activities.

8. The terms and conditions of the loans shall be governed by the provisions stipulated on the application form and the note, and applying the generally accepted commercial practices in making loans by keeping in mind the broad purpose for which the loan fund is established.

The committees of the University Board of Trustees meet from October 19 through the 23rd.

### Kappa Mu Society Sponsors Tea

Seventeen years ago, this month, the Kappa Mu Honorary Society was founded by a small group of Howardites to promote higher scholarship and reward those whose scholarship had been exemplary. This society offers one of the highest honors a student may attain at the University to those who have brought honor to the University by outstanding scholarship.

This year, the Kappa Mu Honorary Society is about to launch a vigorous campaign to stimulate greater interest in scholarship. Through the efforts of its president, Frances Johnson, and members Evelyn Shad, Ullmont James, Elmer Jones, and Ernest Bynoe, a program has been worked out. A tea for those students on the Dean's Honor Roll will start the wheel of activity.

The society hopes to give scholarship its rightful place at the University.

### Law Graduates Pursue Studies

The fact that two outstanding recent graduates of the Howard University School of Law will pursue advanced legal studies this fall at Columbia and Harvard Universities is described at Howard as an encouraging development in the training of young Negroes for the legal profession.

Robert Lee Carter of East Orange, New Jersey, an honor graduate of Lincoln University and the ranking law graduate at Howard in 1940, will begin study in September at the Law School of Columbia University with the aid of a Rosenwald Fellowship. James A. Washington, Jr., of Washington, D. C., an outstanding graduate in the Howard Law class of 1939 and a Teaching Fellow at the Howard Law School this year, has also been awarded a Rosenwald Fellowship for advanced study at the Harvard Law School.

"The opportunities thus afforded exceptional students for continuing their legal training, broaden the horizon for other brilliant students," according to William H. Hastie, Dean of the Howard Law School.

"This fact is particularly significant," he continued, "at a time when an increasing number of outstanding students from schools in the southern and south Atlantic areas are seeking admission to the Howard University School of Law."

### LATE BULLETIN

The Women's League will hold its annual dinner November 1st. All Howard women are urged to attend.



# "Peace Hath Her Victories No Less Renowned than War."-Milton

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## Facing Facts on the World Crisis

As the present crisis in Europe increases in intensity, it becomes more significant for Americans—particularly American Negro students to consider and think out the issues scientifically and logically in order that they may come to a sensible view point. It must be recognized that there can be no static "canned" philosophy for doing things, but our points of view and our ways of acting must be based on a realistic approach in an effort to meet problems and situations as they arise in terms of the effect upon our country, our lives, and our posterity. Now no one can say that the present situation in Europe cannot affect us or that we can sit idly by with a smug, complacent, ostrich-like isolationist policy because in these days the international inter-dependence is of undeniable importance. The devastating, damnable forward march of totalitarianism must be stopped if America is to survive.

### Imperfect Democracy

It is true that the democracies have been hypocritical, that they have been vicious and brutal, that they have straddled the backs of millions with their imperialistic desires and empires, that they have been selfish and greedy; but it is also true that whatever progress has been made by us has been made under an "imperfect democracy." Today, the most humble Negro in Mississippi and Georgia has much more freedom than the most cultured "Aryan" in Germany. In England a man may still criticize the conduct of the government. All this may be done without fear of long imprisonment in a concentration camp or facing the firing squad. Our choices are no longer between an "imperfect democracy" and social progressive thought, but rather "imperfect democracy" with all of its faults versus totalitarianism. Totalitarianism is completely, diametrically opposed to our hopes, ambitions, and institutions. In every single country where totalitarian invasion has triumphed, the conquered are enslaved. It has been true in Germany with the Jews. Similarly in Poland with the Poles and other countries which have suffered the same fate. Only last week, it was reported and confirmed, that Herr Hitler banned a statue in France which had been constructed in commemoration of the French Negro soldiers who had honorably conducted themselves in the defense of their country. He said that it was representative of a decadent social fabric which could honor such inferior people. Can there be the slightest doubts as to what will happen to the American Negro or any minority group if Hitler wins? The rationality and logic of totalitarianism can clearly be understood when we

analyze and examine it in terms of practices. More clearly in terms of what it does and what it has done, for we know of no way to judge the future except by the past.

### Can Democracy Exist?

Moreover, the American democracy cannot exist in an isolated vacuum. What chance will we have if we sit idly by and see all other "imperfect democracies" crumble before our faces? It simply means that there are just that many more countries dominated by the totalitarian ideology for us to combat. Certainly we stand in danger of attack. We must not be blinded by our wholesome desires or peace so that we fail to see that the preparation for peace is through a strong national defense and the adaptation of methods short of war which can better assure us that the democratic institutions will survive. After this has been accomplished we can again think in terms of social progress.

### Social Gains

Some will say that social gains will be stifled and destroyed. History, however, shows that our greatest social gains for labor unemployment and the aged have been greatest since the last war. Some will say that it is an imperialistic war and that we should have nothing to do with it. History further shows that all wars have been imperialistic wars. But current affairs will show that the devastating threats with which we are now faced are different.

Finally, we as students and Negro citizens, in a democracy must orientate our political thinking in realistic terms.

Our fight is a dual one. It must be for the maintenance and extension of social gains, on the one hand, and the fight to arrest and completely destroy the totalitarian ideology on the other.

All issues must be analyzed and weighed on the basis of actuality for we know that if democracy is to live then, we the youth of democracy must fan its flickering flame with the breath of our lives.

## Which Road Will It Be?



## I Saw the European Continent Before Hitler's Blitzkrieg

By CHUCK CAMPBELL

Friday, July 7, 1939, Paris

Were there any sighs of the subsequent break between the French and English in 1939? What did the French people think of the Munich conference?

Bitter and recalcitrant was the apparent attitude of the French toward the decision reached at the Munich Conference.

Everyone we had a chance to interview on this score, almost without exception, voiced his thorough disgust with England for allowing Czechoslovakia to be "sold down the river." The French seemed to realize that France's position at Munich was conditioned by the stand taken by England. For this appeasement policy England suffered a tremendous set-back with the people of France. They put the whole misfortune of the Czechs on England's shoulders. When a certain French professor was asked what he thought of the Munich conference, he replied, "I do not wish to discuss it." After an attempt to draw him out on the question he remarked, "I think England was rather unethical in the matter."

"Some members of the cabinet are bitter," replied a student who was asked what the French government's attitude was toward the Munich meeting?

**Opinion About Munich Concurrence**  
There seemed to be a unitary opinion, among the French, against what was done at the Munich Concurrence, but I must hasten to point out that we interviewed a comparatively few individuals of the 3,000,000 people found in the French Capital. With this fact in mind, one is able to make an intelligent appraisal of the significance of our interviews of the French people.

I talked with a French Negro student in the lobby of the American House concerning the general attitude of the French toward colored people.

"The people of France have drawn no lines of race distinction," replied. We saw many conditions he replied. We saw many conditions to validate his contention. The race situation in France (before the Blitzkrieg) was favorably unique. On the other hand, it might be interesting to note that due to the comparatively few Negroes in France the occasion has not arisen for them to become an economic nor political threat to the people of France. Thus, there is really no ground for a race problem.

In the early afternoon we were taken to the Conciergerie (prison) of Marie Antoinette. We went into the prison cell where she was kept 64 days, prior to execution. We noticed the door through which approximately 2,200 French peo-

ple went to courtyard and guillotine. As one views these historical points he is easily reminded of the birth of the French Republic—the land of Freedom, Equality and Justice. To see France today gradually becoming a Fascist state, one is prone to feel "history is a vicious cycle."

Late in the afternoon before dinner, in the Cafe de l'universite de Paris, I had a long talk with a French student of history concerning the role the Negro played and was playing in the history of France. He exhibited a prodigious memory in that he without notes enumerated a comparatively large number of Negroes who had either served as members of the French National or French Cabinets. Some of the French Negro Statesmen he mentioned were: Henri Lemery, Senator From Martinique; Alcide Delmont, deputy from Martinique; M. Monnerville, deputy from Guiana; Blaise Diagne was Under-Secretary of the Colony, under Premier Laval. Gratien Condace, senior deputy from Guadeloupe, was referred to as being particularly outstanding. He attended the University of Toulouse and graduated from the Faculty of Sciences. The renowned French officer received the degree Doctor of Sciences, the highest degree offered by the Universities of France. He served as Under-Secretary of State in the cabinets of Herriot and Paul Boncour.

From here to the famous Cafe de la Paix and finally to Montparnasse, a street noted for heavy traffic, where we sat and drank lemonade and watched "gay Paree" go by.

Trip to Versailles—setting of the Peace Conference of 1919. What did the people of this particularly historical city think of the trend of events in Europe in the light of the passing of Austria and Czechoslovakia? See next issue.

On Thursday evening, October 31, the league plans to sponsor its first contests between the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior women living in the dormitory. The affair which may be staged indoors or outside is conducted entirely by candlelight. Because of the beauty of the ceremony, illumination right in the past, has lived long in the memories of its many spectators.

## College Men will Answer Call If Black Clouds of War Loom

The pulse of America's collegians is quickening. It will be an interesting study, when things have returned to a more normal state, to analyze the swing in collegiate opinion during the months when Congress was debating and passing the conscription bill.

Comment of the Daily Athenaeum at West Virginia University is typical: "Strangely enough, the consensus on the campus has changed considerably since last spring. Many who were then opposed to conscription are now in favor of the draft." The Athenaeum also observes that American youth has no argument with peoples of any land and would rather spend its energy in friendly rivalry of sports—BUT YOUTH IS READY."

At Louisiana State University, the Daily Reveille urges "a vote of confidence to our Congressional leaders who finally secured passage of the conscription bill. Why should we not have selective service when the imminent black clouds of war are shadowing every phase of liberty designed by peace-loving peoples?"

At East Texas State Teachers' College, the East Texan believes that the munitions makers are now satisfied, and that "they smile as they run their hand in their pocket to feel the place that will hold those fat, juicy profits." But the Texan adds that "from past demonstrations of patriotism on the campus, it is evident that all students will answer the call and that they will be glad to defend their country."

While admitting it is "natural enough" that some college men should not favor the draft law, the College Exponent at Mayville (N.D.) State Teachers' College warns the public not to "get the wrong opinion of this college youth. The majority believe in military training for the defense of our country. No class of youth is more patriotic or loyal to these United States."

"Conscription should be hated," declared the Brown University Daily Herald, "but it should not be shunned. We should use it in the same way we use a dangerous and distasteful medicine when the body must be protected from the onslaught of a deadly disease."

Analysis of nationwide collegiate opinion reveals considerable support for the view expressed by the Alligator at the University of Florida: "Conscription is a sacrifice worth making so long as the conscription defend—not offend, invade or seek to conquer." Echoing this warning is the Dartmouth, which fears "there may be a danger in the spirit that runs through it all. If we do not intend to find our own war, we had best keep the fact in mind. If our talk of war against principles of fascism is sincere, it would do no harm to fight it at home with action and not words. A beaten-up Jehovah's Witness makes unconvincing copy for an anti-fascism crusade."

Thus the nation's student youth accepts the principle of conscription, willing to sacrifice when necessary but on the alert to safeguard historic liberties.

—A. C. P.

## Modern Newspapers are Not Always Reliable

On August 31 and September 1 and 2 there was held in Chicago a highly successful convention of conscription foes, in the form of the Emergency Peace Mobilization. In attendance were about 6,000 delegates and observers coming from all over the United States. They came from some of the most influential organizations, many of which have within their ranks thousands of members. Among these organizations were the National Negro Congress, the National Maritime Union, the United Mine Workers and the United Construction Workers' Organizing Committee. Their first mass meeting was attended by close to 20,000 people. Among their speakers were such nationally prominent men as Max Yergan, Paul Robeson, Michel Quille, Townsend and Joseph Curran.

The occasion seemed to me to be deserving of a great deal of publicity from the newspapers and radio. I had many times seen events of much less importance get into these agencies. This program demonstrates efforts of the representatives of at least 12 millions of organized people whose opinion stood in sharp contrast to that of the administration. It was on a question of vital importance. Contrary to the expected procedure, the newspapers refused to inform the public of this event. The statements of these men and the resolutions of the convention were boycotted almost 100 per cent. This was undemocratic. It did not represent the attitude of fair-minded and honest people, but rather the attitude of those trying to do injury to the overwhelming majority of the American people.

This act exposed the position of a larger number of people to whom the question of democracy is a question of decent living standards and civil rights. They have about 3 per cent of the press, with newspapers that reach only a very small portion of the people. On questions of such national importance no intelligent understanding of what this country needs can be had without their consultation. We cannot depend upon our popular daily newspapers to inform us.

## Keep College Students Abreast of the News

By RAY LUNDY

Keeping abreast of the times is a very difficult job for most college students. Their academic and extra-curricular program is often geared so high that there seems to be very little time to read a newspaper. This column will have served its purpose if it touches the trend of national news developments.

Wendell Willkie vs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is the significant battle in America just now. Whether or not Willkie has a chance against Roosevelt is a matter of debate. Willkie hasn't done much to help his cause by jumping on Roosevelt's neck. However, neither has Roosevelt altered public opinion by terming his speeches "non-political." The most acceptable basis for predicting the coming election depends on (1) the state of our domestic forces at the time of election and (2) any additional strengthening of the Hitler program.

### Congressman Fish—Senator Diggs

Congressman Fish says "I do not believe God has anointed any man to rule over us indefinitely. I would not vote for a Washington or a Lincoln for a third term as I believe the repudiation of this sound American tradition would bring dictatorship and totalitarianism to America."

Senator Diggs, only Negro state senator says "the Negro masses are not fooled by the gilded promises of the Republicans. We know that there is much still to be done in killing Jim Crow traditions, extending suffrage in the South and promoting the general welfare of the Negro masses."

Charles F. Kettering, vice-president of General Motors Corporation, in an article in Boys Life, relates that opportunities for young men today are as plentiful as ever in the United States. He thinks that there are still frontiers needing development.





# Hilltop Feature Page



## Shall College Men Be Conscripted?

William Pritchett, Sophomore, French—"Since an educated man is more valuable to the army than an uneducated one, he should be allowed to acquire as much learning as possible before being drafted."

Duain Edward, Junior, Chemistry Major—"Since the nation is not in the midst of a war as are the unfortunate countries of Europe, I believe that the college students who are striving to secure a higher degree of education, should be allowed to further their education, at least until the international situation becomes more threatening to our own democracy."

Charles Williams, Junior, Political Science Major—"College students should not be drafted into the regular army, but rather the ROTC until it should be expanded to include all college students who would be eligible for conscription under the draft bill."

Albert Jones, Sophomore, Zoology, Major—"Yes, college students should be exempted from the draft because their receiving an education would be just as important to national defense as would their being conscripted for military training."

Paul Stevens, Junior, Zoology, Major—"College men should not be exempted from the first draft because a large percentage of the nation's best man power is in college. To omit the training of this man power would be a grave mistake."

Frank Maxwell, Freshman, School of Music—"Yes, college men should be exempted from the first draft because we should have some one to preserve those things which we are striving to defend."

Courtland Bivens, Unclassified, Electrical Engineering—"Yes, college men should be exempted from the first draft because the draft would retard the intellectual development of college students."

## FRAT NEWS

### Phi Beta Sigma

Five members of Phi Beta Sigma receiving their degrees in June, 1940, are Melvin Evans, Francisco Corneiro, George Stamps, Noah Moore, and Woodrow Carter. They are all continuing their education in professional and graduate schools at Howard, Northwestern, and Michigan.

The officers for this school year are: president, Ullmont James; vice president, Harry McLinn; corresponding secretary, E. Leroy Burgess; recording secretary, Carl Taylor; financial secretary, Harold Delaney; treasurer, Melvin Mahoney; chairman of the Social Committee, Julian Grayson; chaplain, Wilnot Johnson.

Since the opening of school the group has been very active, and a well-rounded program for the year has been planned and initiated.

### Gamma Tau

Four members of Gamma Tau graduating from the College of Liberal Arts the past June are Ralph McKinney, Charles Runner, Benjamin Hunton, and Elmer Jones.

The new officers for the school year are: Archon, Samuel McCottry; Pro-archon, Fred Randall; Grammateus, William Moseley; Tamius, Albert Price; Hierus, W. Baldwin Whitlock; Hopites, Philip Butcher; Dean of Pledges, Earle C. Bourne.

The fraternity, at present, is engaged in initiating and carrying out a wide financial and social program. The leadership of the Alpha chapter is under the newer men and a more vigorous campus program is to be expected.

## Vox ★ Campi

The Tutti Joyner-Turk Lewis romance rolls smoothly on, much to the disgust of the younger Christopher ; ; ; The Doris West-Perry Jones cupidation paused for station identification with Gus Granger turning out to be the station break ; ; ; The Men's Dormitory Council is readying an extra special Father's and Mother's Day Card for the coming Blessed Event ; ; ; Any resemblance between the Mrs. Lloyd Edwards at Colombia and the Mr. Lloyd Edwards at Howard University is strictly coincidental and is not intended to depict any state of marital bliss, past, present but maybe in the future ; ; ; Dr. Thurman visited Mexico this Summer around election time. The Mexican Government reported this election as one of the quietest in Mexican History ; ; ; The Baby Dumping Spaulding-Frank Manley romance turned out to be 99 and 44/100% pure. It floated right out the window ; ; ; Wilma Burton is still Eddie Brooke's most persistent passtime ; ; ; Lorenzo Harris and Julia Thompson who appeared on the verge of a merge have definitely purged ; ; ; Mr. Hawkins, another Mexican Summer visitor, returned looking like the original Six Lessons from Madam LaZonga ; ; ; The Jitterbug Parker-Margie Groves romance blew a fuse ; ; ; Thomas Gunn, who is having trouble straightening his love-life, would like Catherine Mann to volunteer ; ; ; Say—is it a Long Short-Walk or a Short Long-Walk? ; ; ; At present it seems as if there is a sitcheayshun between Art Carter and Edith Gaddie ; ; ; How did the Dolly Lavar-Harold Delaney romance strat anyway? Canada Dry pays out twenty dollars for that question ; ; ; The Howard Theatre ain't what it used to be. Tell Your Children How To Take a Bath. Wow!! Despite rumors to the contrary, the Gratia Francis-John Quick romance is pulling an Old Man River—just keeps on rolling ; ; ; George Reid and Leah Edwards are giving each other the heartfoot ; ; ; Dick Bancroft claims the proof of his having gotten stitched this summer is counterfeit ; ; ; It's funny how much more like Mordecai Johnson Jr. that guy with Nadine Harris looks than Bill Patrick ; ; ; The appointment of Mr. Eldridge as Clarke Hall's supervisor was well received on all sides ; ; ; The first three notes of the clock's chimes and the first three notes of "I'll Never Smile Again" are identical—Don't mention it ; ; ;

## BUZZ of the CAMPUS ★ By Members of the Fifth Column ★

Hello:

I see Billy Giles new car or something put back where he belongs, that is with his old flame.

Things We dislike: No. 1. Big fellows like Bus Rectors, pasting little girls in the mouth three weeks ago.

Did you ever hear this?—While the Cat's away the mice will play, or absence makes the heart grow fonder—for someone else. Ask Jane Marshall is her heart growing fonder—for Brick Bailey.

Well, at last the day has come when Bill Brown's (Mrs. Brown's husband) marriage is really a benefit. You know the boy's resistance the other day. It's good to be a family man isn't it, Bill?

To the freshman women: Let us hope that AKA and Delta Sigma Theta won't divide you—hurt you as they have done to other classes of other years. The time is not near, but be ready for the jive and bull that follows—for to them, for a week, you are just a balloon, then deflated all at once. Be prepared!

Old Joke:—Back in 000 B.C. the foolosophers and others decided it was high time to calculate the number of teeth in a donkey's mouth, so they pondered and pondered and bulled and counted the hairs in his tail and his toes! But they could arrive at any conclusion. So the newest member (by the way, the youngest) about 999 years old exclaimed, "Let's count his teeth." Then the old man became insulted and said that 1=3% fooh for that idea.

Randolph "Brick" Bailey requests that this column rectify an error made in the first issue. The item should have read "Six freshman girls in six years," rather than "ten freshman girls in ten years."

Well we're cutting out. Goodbye!

## Musical Tid-Bits

By M. WASHINGTON

Miss Camille Lewis Nickerson, head of the Practical School of Music, assistant professor of Piano and Piano Methods, and assistant organist of Howard University's School of Music, has returned after a year's absence.

While on leave Miss Nickerson spent fourteen weeks in Louisiana with a recording machine gathering data and songs of Creoles. She also spent much of her time at the Institute of Music Art of the Juillard School of Music, and at Teacher's College, Columbia University. At the latter places she took courses in methods, piano, voice and in the harmonization and arrangement of creole music which has always interested her. During her stay in New York she arranged five Creole songs, "Lizette," "Chere Mi Lemme toi," ("I Love You Like a Little Pig Loves Mud"), "Fais Do Do," "Dance Conni Connie," and "M'sieu Banto." Many famous singers, such as Dorothy Maynor and Paul Robeson, have used these songs on programs; in fact, Roland Hayes, celebrated tenor, was so pleased

with "M'sieu Banto" that he used it in one of his concerts. The Boston Music Company of New York City has just made a contract with Miss Nickerson to publish five of her songs.

Returning to Washington, Miss Nickerson stopped at Philadelphia where she met Mrs. Mary C. Dawson, national president of the National Association of Negro Musicians. Here she met some of Pittsburgh's leading musicians who expressed admiration of her work and a hope that she would return in recital. J. F. Lissfelt, music critic of the Sun-Telegraph, also praised her work. The 1940-41 issue of the "Who's Who in Music" has included Miss Nickerson whose arrangements have made a splendid place for her in the music world.

### WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Women's League held its first meeting on Friday, October 4, at 12 o'clock. Every Howard woman should plan to attend future meetings as the organization intends to launch its full activity program as soon as possible.

## Neither Here Nor There!

By CHARLES E. BOURNE

## GLEE CLUB

The try-outs for the Men's Glee Club culminated recently. This year's crop of incoming students have shown themselves to be greatly talented in the field of vocal music. The enrollment in the club has been greatly increased, and promises to be a great year for them. Last year was a very successful one. After numerous concerts in and out of the city, last season ended with a concert in the White House and the annual spring concert.

### New Members

The new men in the club, this year are: Allen Pyke, Flavius A. Galiber, Gentry Cleveland North, Jr., Theodore: Golder, Eldridge Mortimer, Joseph Jones, James Blow, Jerry Moore, Lemuel Wells, Harry King-slow, George W. Simmons, James E. Rose, Dwaine S. Edwards, John T. Riley, Felix Lewis, Randall N. James, Allen Johnson, Johnson Watson, and Edward M. Jenkins.

### Death Came a Creepin' By ERNEST WILSON, Jr.

Death came a creepin' in da middle o' da night.  
Woke me up from slumba wif a rattle and a moan.  
Heard de angels singing in de middle o' the night.  
Lawd ma hom' is ovah Jordan.  
chillen doan yo' wanna go  
Gonna git ma house in orda fo' de middle o' de night.  
Gonna give ma soul to Jesus.  
He'll make things all right.  
Betta heed my warnin' chillen.  
and jine me in de sky.  
Betta git yo' house in orda fo' de time is drawin' nigh.

Auf Wiedersehen!

## News While it is News

### Artist Lends Work For H. U. Exhibit

The Howard University Art Gallery, under the direction of Mr. Alonzo Aden, curator, is exhibiting the paintings and drawings of "The New York Negro" by Robert M. Jackson. These pictures are lent through the courtesy of the artist and will be on view from October 1 to November 1. The University's Art Gallery, located in the basement of the chapel, has been most fortunate in securing this as well as other exhibitions during the present school year. Everyone should avail himself of the opportunity to visit this art gallery.

### SCHOOL OF RELIGION

The regular Thursday afternoon teas, sponsored by the School of Religion Council in the School of Religion, have been very well attended. The bulk of the attendance, however, has come from the Liberal Arts students and the University employees.

Given by the School of Religion Council, the tea is gratis to all students connected with the University, in order to promote fellowship, relaxation, and social amenity among the students and faculty.

These teas are supported by the sale of candy, an idea which was originated by Miss Mabel Madden, librarian of the School of Religion.

### TWILIGHT HOUR

In regard to the chapel programs of the coming school year, Dean Thurman has stated that there will be a Twilight Hour here each month. The first of such programs, beginning this month, will consist of the reading of excerpts from the prophet, Gibrum. There will be special music by Lawrence Whisonant, baritone, soloist.

The second program will be held in November and will consist of a worship hour with the Virginia State A Cappella Choir in sacred music. The Dean expressed his wish that as many as possible will attend this program and other programs.

### CLASSICAL CLUB

Under the supervision of the department of English and the Humanities department, there is being formed a "Classical Club." The purpose of this club is to acquaint students with the Greek classics in translated form. On Saturday, October 12, the initial meeting was held, which was attended by a number of interested students.

On October 5 the students and faculty of the School of Engineering gave their smoker and "bull session." The affair was well attended and proved to be most enjoyable to all who were present.

## RANDOM THOUGHTS By Irving Washington

Dreams and ideals are queer things. To some of us who have fallen by the wayside and been hardened and embittered by the shunts of life, they are those rosy little castles we built when we were children—the ones that the world so rudely shattered and flung at our feet. But to others of us, they are those things amounting almost to religion that cling to us when our temptations are greatest and our will is weakest, those things that spirit us out of our doldrums and spur us on towards that which we had chosen to be our life's achievement. Ideals—simple, homespun things—but oh, so important! Keep them if you have them!

Carl Schurz

Carl Schurz once said, "Ideals are like stars, you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny."

Not bad comparison, eh?

Have you a mind and a will of your own? Do you think for yourself? Do you make your own decisions? Have you enough intestinal fortitude to stand up for your honest opinions in spite of all oppositions? I'll bet you haven't. This is a challenge to freshmen especially. I'll wager that within a very short time most of you will be merely automations flung out into the mire of artificiality and glamor that floods and muddies our campus environment. Fraternities, sororities, cliques, upperclassman friends, glamor-worshippers, and dream-besmirchers—these in their own insidious way will be thinking for you, talking for you, and influencing practically your every action. Poor little marionettes! But will you let this happen to you? Or are you your mind's master? Time will tell, my friend... time will tell. I hope you are, but—well, we'll see.

Our Attitude

Some of us have the wrong conception of life. We selfishly lock ourselves within a shell and hoard our personality, disdaining spreading our wealth of love and tenderness and understanding and sympathy amongst our fellowmen. But we shouldn't. A smile here, a word there, a greeting full of warmth and friendliness will do much to make someone happy. Try it.

President Roosevelt has before Congress a plan entailing an expense of \$40,000,000 to be used by the N.Y.A. for purposes of training youth in national defense jobs.



# Bisons Down Shaw, 13-6; Topple to Virginia State, 20-0

## State Back Cobb Crosses Chalk Lines for 3 Tallies

The Howard University Bisons were set back on Saturday by the Virginia Trojans while attempting to make it three straight. This was State's first victory of the season. Playing away from home and crippled by injuries, the Bison fought valiantly, and the score is not indicative of the caliber of ball played by both teams.

In the first period Howard threatened, but was blocked by a strong Trojan line. A punting duel resulted in no gain for either team, as Bubber Mitchell and Davey Day did some spectacular running and punting. The deadlock was not threatened for the remainder of the quarter. The Trojans seemed satisfied to hold the Bisons if they themselves could not score.

The second stanza was a rough and tumble affair with State receiving two penalties for roughing. The biggest was of no avail because the Bison forward wall could reverse any formidable Trojan attack. Both teams were now bringing out the best in each other. The half ended and still there was no score for either team.

A slight drizzle started during the half. As the teams took the field again it was raining but this rain lessened to mere sprinkle. After receiving the ball on their 35, the Trojans marched down the field on a series of line plays. Whitlock taking the ball on Howard's 2nd went over Howard's left tackle for a score. His kick was wide. The Bison line now needed patching but there were no qualified substitutes. Novelle Barbee and Bowser were missed, and only in their absence could their value be realized. The Bisons again attacked, but early in their march they fumbled and Savoy recovered for State. Then it happened. Cobb, the Trojans' flashy right halfback took the ball on a reverse and sped 31 yards for another Trojan score. His placement for the extra point was good. The crippled Howard line was now broken.

In the final stanza, Cobb came back to dazzle the spectators with a 60-yard sprint for another touchdown. With the ball dead in State territory, Savoy intercepted another pass. Then Cobb uncorked his run putting the game on ice.

The story would have been much different if the Bison team was up to its full strength. Among those injured and missed were Carroll, our freshman right halfback, Cain and Hatton played the flanks reasonably well and were a threat at all times. Cain is a back converted to end in this series of injuries. On Saturday the Bisons meet North Carolina State. This should be a lighter because by that time Bowser, Barbee and Carroll should be ready for active play.

### Line-ups

Pos.	HOWARD	VA. STATE
P.	Cain	Barton
E.T.	Wigley	Harris
E.G.	Green	Williams
C.	Barbee	Kersey
R.G.	Coppack	Bennett
R.T.	Hackney	McCaig
R.E.	J. Van Buren	Barney
Q.B.	Day	Medley
L.H.	Mitchell	Nelson
R.H.	Carroll	Cobb
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## Soccermen Clip Bowie Squad 2-1

Coach Davis seems to have another champion soccer team. Captain Leroy Burgess led his team to a decisive victory over Bowie State Teachers' College of Maryland. These old rivals started off on an equally fast pace but Bowie seemed to be in better physical condition.

The first quarter was a series of hard running plays with the fullbacks kicking out of danger repeatedly. There was no score. Martin, Bynoe, Hundley and Wilson formed the nucleus of the Howard defense, and their time kicking broke up and blocked the Bowie attacks.

Midway in the second, Howard took possession of the ball in mid-field and marched down the field to the goal area. This march was executed by John Howard, Fletcher and the James brothers. These forwards pressed Bowie so savagely that their right back attempting to clear the ball mistimed it, and the oval rolled from his muddy shoe into the goal. This gave Howard new courage. At half time Howard led 1-0.

Upon resumption of play, the drizzle developed into a semi-torrential with Wharton moving up from center halfback to center forward. The cheering section from Bowie seemed to kindle a spark of fight into the bodies of their team and they attacked more fiercely than ever. The ball was maneuvered into Howard pay dirt where Bowie acquired a corner kick. This corner kick was converted into a goal. It seemed as though the game would end in a deadlock.

In the final stanza, Howard's wall pressed again, reinforced by a hard high kicking back line. The ball was always deep in Bowie territory. On a beautiful pass from John Howard to Wharton, Howard scored again when Wharton rushed the goal, who had allowed the wet ball to slip from his numbed fingers.

Special mention must be made of the sensational playing of the James brothers. Byers, Mattie. On Saturday the Howards travel to Bowie for a return game. This is Bowie's homecoming and will definitely prove the strength of the Bison soccer team. The next home games will be against Hampton and Lincoln, the latter holding the C.I.A.A. championship.

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## THE GRIDIRON SKETCHBOOK

By Da CASTA MASON

Saturday, September 28, the Howard football season got underway. Under the coaching of Coach Harvey Payne and the captaincy of George Van Buren the team anticipates a big season. This year's spotlight is focused upon the human interest feature in the lineup of the team. Howard can lay prideful claim to a "Big Five," a "bug five," who will play for the last time at Howard University. Since 1937 no Howard team has taken the field without the presence of George Van Buren, his brother James, "Big Jeff" Morton, "Gumpy" Jonathan Green and James "Timmy" Hackney. These five men came to Howard callow, frightened freshmen even as you and I, but today they hold the limelight of the campus. Upon their shoulders, with the cooperation of the rest of the team, rests the fate of the coming football season. Let's look these men over, their backgrounds, their high schools and their interests both in and outside of athletics.

Captain George Van Buren, "Big Van," is from Ithaca, N.Y., where he played on the Ithaca High School team for four years. He is a senior at Howard, majoring in Latin and minoring in history. No stranger to upperclassmen, even freshmen will recognize him as he makes his way around the campus in his soft moccasins and open sport shirts. The greatest thrill in his football career came when we defeated West Virginia 6-0 in 1938. His greatest disappointment was the behavior of the crowd in the last Howard-Lincoln classic.

James Van Buren, brother of "Big Van," is a great end, also from Ithaca. His major is political science and his minor is history. He is preparing to go to law school next year. You have probably seen him in the library, methodically and leisurely checking books out of the reserved book room. On the cinderpath and football field, however, he does not resemble the plodding librarian in the least, for he has been one of the mainstays on the mile relay track team and football team for the last three years.

Morton Jeffers, "Big Jeff," attended Chapman Technical High School in New London, Conn., before coming to Howard. Physical education is his major and swimming is his hobby. He plans to do graduate work at Ohio State next fall.

Whenever you see "Big Jeff" you can rest assured that Jonathan "Jumpy" Green is close at hand, as the two are known as Howard's "Damon and Pythias." Green is a product of McKinley High School in Canton, Ohio. He is a major in sociology and plans to do graduate work at Atlanta University. His hobby is reading plays, mainly those of Maxwell Anderson.

James "Timmy" Hackney is a graduate of Dunbar High School and a local lad. He is a zoology major and a botany minor, and plans to study medicine. His hobby is camping. He is by far the largest man on the football squad, weighing 220 pounds. Incidentally, he wears size 14 shoes.

These men are the backbone of our football squad this season and all of them express the hope that the students will support the team this year. The team will do its part, so let each and every student also do his part by coming to every game and demonstrating his Howard spirit through cheers and yells.

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## Bison Machine Tramples Bears for Second Win

The highly favored Shaw Bear aggregation fell before a hard-hitting Bison line 13-6.

The initial quarter was a punting duel between Mitchell and Harrington. The second period was highlighted by a Howard touchdown. Green, playing end for Howard, intercepted a Shaw pass in midfield, setting up the score. Captain Van Buren and "Bubber" Mitchell drove the Shaw line back to its own 18. Here two line plays failed, then George Van Buren passed to Mitchell on Shaw's 5 and went over standing up. Cain kicked successfully for the extra point.

## Referee's Salary; Grid Schedule

If anyone ever felt sorry for football officials slushing around in the mud on a rainy day, a glance at the figures below ought to ease his feelings. The salaries of those men in white of the grid-iron are listed below:

Promotion game—referee, \$16; umpire, \$12; linesman, \$10; field judge, \$10.

Regular—referee, \$25; umpire, \$19; linesman, \$15; field judge, \$12.

Thanksgiving—referee, \$30; umpire, \$20; linesman, \$20; field judge, \$15.

### HOWARD'S 1940 GRID SCHEDULE

Oct. 26, North Carolina at home.  
Nov. 2, Morgan at Baltimore.  
Nov. 9, Hampton at Hampton.  
Nov. 16, St. Paul at Lawrenceville.  
Nov. 21, Lincoln at home.

### SPORT SIDELIGHTS

Regrets and casualties: Shelton Granger is out of uniform by doctor's orders. Alfred "Killer" Cain is out for a few days with a sprained ankle. "Bubber" Mitchell played his usual "never say die" game. "DaCosta" Mason was seen in his white outfit doing all kinds of odd jobs. Wonder if he pines for his old uniform? Locker room chatter has it that the boys are ready to win a few games.

With a lightning stroke, Shaw came back to score. On the second play after the kick-off Davis passed to Worthy on Howard's 29. Worthy reversed his field and dashed 21 yards for a goal. Williams' kick was too low. Late in this quarter Green again intercepted a Shaw pass.

In the third quarter Howard displayed a stone-wall defense to stop Shaw's many offensive thrusts. Shaw was driven back especially near the end of the period. Little "Davy" kicked into the coffin corner several times.

The big blue-clad Bison stormed back to score midway in the fourth period. Hackney, matton and Coppach trampled over Shaw's line blocking Harrington's kick. Coppach caught the ball and was thrown on Shaw's 19. On the next play, Mitchell hit off tackle, cut to the west sideline, and dashed the rest of the way for a score. The extra point was when Jeffers passed the ball over Mitchell's head.

Shaw came back with an aerial attack which was stopped by little "Davy" Day who intercepted a long pass on Howard's 27. Mitchell and Van Buren followed a hard-hitting line down the field to Shaw's 40. Here Shaw stood stubbornly and Day kicked out on their four. Shaw attacked again but this time Captain Van Buren and Mitchell kept knocking down their passes.

The game ended with Howard still in possession—and the victors.

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